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The Ministry of Heavy Industry

1. The Ministry of Heavy Industry, located at 56 Graf Ignatiev Street, Sofia, was organized in 1952 when the joint Ministry of Industry was divided into the Ministry of Heavy Industry and the Ministry of Light Industry. The management of the Ministry of Heavy Industry consists of the minister, his four deputies and the chief secretary. Each deputy minister is responsible for a certain sector, such as the mines or the metallurgical industry.
2. The Ministry consists of the following departments:
 - a. Otdel Proizvodstvenno Tekhniki (Production Techniques);
 - b. Otdel Planovo-Ekonomicheski (Planning and Economics);
 - c. Otdel Finansovo-Schetovoden (Accounts and Finances);
 - d. Administrativen Otdel (Administration);
 - e. Otdel Kapitalno Stroitelstvo (Investments);
 - f. Otdel 21 (Department 21), a secret military department headed by an Army Colonel;
 - g. Otdel Trud, Normi i Zaplati (Labor, Norms and Wages);
 - h. Otdel Sebestoynost i Tseni (Value and Prices);
 - i. Otdel Materialno Snabdyavane (Supply);
 - j. Otdel Kadri (Cadres);

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- k. Proveritelna Sluzhba, an institution for the temporary safekeeping of secret files and documents. Each day at closing time all employees of the Ministry must hand over all secret files and documents to this department for safekeeping overnight. The transference of the documents is effected through a trellised counter in the entrance door. The head of the department is a member of the DS (Dürzhavna Sigurnost, State Security); and
 - l. Militsionerska Okhrana (External Security), responsible for guard duties and the issuance of entrance permits. The staff consists of approximately 20 policemen who are on the roster of the Ministry and are equal in salary to the other employees.
3. There are seven Central Organizations directly subordinate to the Ministry of Heavy Industry, each one responsible for a specific field of activity or sector of heavy industry. They are as follows:
- a. Obedineniya Vuglishta (Coal Union), located in the building of the Ministry of Heavy Industry, is responsible for the operation of all coal mines;
 - b. Obedineniya Rudi i Metalurgiya (Union for Ores and Ore Processing), also located in the building of the Ministry of Heavy Industry, is responsible for ore mines, smelting houses, and foundries;
 - c. Obedineniya Nerudni Izkopaemi (Union for Resources other than Coal and Metals), located at 21 Georgi Dimitrov Street, Sofia, is responsible for quarries, lime deposits, kilns, and salt mines, etc.;
 - d. Obedineniya Geolozhski i Minne Prouchuvane (Union for Geological Research), also located at 21 Georgi Dimitrov Street, is responsible for the detection of new mineral resources in Bulgaria. Its staff consists largely of Soviet experts;
 - e. Obedineniya Mashino Stroine (Union for Machine Construction), located at the corner of Ulitsa Lege and Alexander Stamboliyski Boulevard, Sofia, is responsible for all machine production plants. There is a sub-organization of this union, Mashproekt, located on Georgi Dimitrov Street, engaged in machine designing;
 - f. Promproekt (Central Institute for Heavy Industry Planning), located on Rakovski Street, Sofia, near the Graf Ignatiev crossroads, is responsible for all planning for the Ministry of Heavy Industry and the affiliated unions, except for the Union of Machine Construction, which maintains its own planning institute;
 - g. Obedineniya Min Stroy (Union for Mining Development).
4. Almost all of the Central Organizations were created after World War II and before the organization of the Ministry of Heavy Industry in 1952, except for the Union for Mining Development which was founded late in 1951. The functions of the Central Organizations are administrative and supervisory, while the executive work is done by their regional branches.
- The Union for Mining Development
5. The Union for Mining Development was preceded by another mining development organization, the Novo Minno Stroitelstvo, whose function was limited to the planning of new mines. When the Union for Mining Development was created, the Novo Minno Stroitelstvo was dissolved and its functions transferred to Promproekt.

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6. The Union for Mining Development, located in the former Commercial Bank building (Torgova Banka) at 5 Graf Ignatiev Street, Sofia, is responsible for all construction connected with the development of mines. This includes opening up of new galleries, construction of access roads, construction of special railroad sidings for mines, and building of worker's settlements. The staff of the Sofia central office of the Union consists of approximately 50 employees. It is headed by a Director General (Glaven Direktor), a Technical Manager (Tekhnicheski Direktor) who actually runs the Union, an Administrative Director (Administrativen Direktor), and an Advisor to the Director General (Sovetnik).
7. In October 1954 the Union for Mining Development had not succeeded in covering all the mines in Bulgaria because of a lack of funds. Its activities included only the more important coal mines, one salt mine, and one lime quarry.
8. The Union for Mining Development has the following departments:
 - a. Tekhnicheski Otdel (Technical Department) which employs six mining engineers;
 - b. Planov Ekonomicheski Otdel (Planning and Economics) with five employees;
 - c. Otdel Finansovo-Schetovoden (Accounts and Finances) with ten employees;
 - d. Administrativen Otdel (Administration) with ten employees;
 - e. Proveriteln Otdel (Safekeeping of Secret Documents) with three employees;
 - f. Kadri (Cadres) with two employees;
 - g. Otdel Transport (Transportation) with two employees; and
 - h. Snabditelen Otdel (Supply) with approximately eight employees.
9. The regional branches (Rayoni) of the Union for Mining Development perform the executive duties, while the administrative and supervisory duties are performed at the head office in Sofia. The organizational structure of the Rayoni is patterned exactly on the head office in Sofia, but the administrative and technical staffs are much larger than in the head office. In addition, the regional branch also employs many workers whose number in some cases reaches several thousand. The following seven regional branches of the Union had been set up by October 1954:
 - a. Rayon I (Regional Branch I), located at Dimitrovo (formerly Pernik), for the Dimitrovo coal mines, has a staff of 2000;
 - b. Rayon II, located at Dimitrovgrad, for all Dimitrovgrad coal mines, has a staff of approximately 3500;
 - c. Rayon III, located at Provadiya (N43-10, E27-26), for the local salt mine, has a staff of approximately 1000;
 - d. Rayon IV, near the village of Radnevo (N42-17, E25-57), for a lime quarry which had not been exploited before the erection of the branch office, has a staff of 300-400;
 - e. Rayon V, located near the village of Godechko (N43-02, E23-03), for the old Beli Breg coal mine which was not operated properly in previous years, has a staff of approximately 2000. This mine is considered quite promising, particularly since the deposits of the large Dimitrovo coal mines are rapidly diminishing. The quality of the Beli Breg coal is first rate and of high calorific value. The Godechko branch of the Union is considered one of the most important, and many experts were recently assigned to it;

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- f. Rayon VI, located near Gabra (formerly Chukurovo) (N42-32, E23-36), for the local lignite mine which has been extensively exploited since 1953. The lignite mainly destined for domestic fuel purposes; and
- g. Rayon VII, located near the village of Bobov-Dol (N42-22, E23-00), for the local coal mine which has been operating since 1954. By October 1954 this branch had not yet been properly organized.
10. The Union for Mining Development will be considerably enlarged in the next year, according to the plans of the Ministry of Heavy Industry. In a speech delivered before the staff of the Union in the summer of 1954, the Deputy Minister for Mines stated that the government would invest 55 billion leva for the development of the mines in the course of several years, the first allocations to be made in 1955. He also declared that the central office of the Union would move shortly to a new and more spacious building, that its staff would be considerably enlarged, and that several new Rayons would be added.
11. The salaries of all employees in the Mining Sector were raised in the middle of 1954. The increase had been worked out and recommended by three Soviet personnel experts who came to the Ministry of Heavy Industry at the end of 1953. Wages of miners and of technical and administrative personnel in the mining sector were adjusted to those of military personnel who are paid the highest salaries in Bulgaria. The following table shows the amount of salary increases:

	<u>Leva per month</u>	
	<u>before increase</u>	<u>after increase</u>
Director General	1,300	2,100
Technical Director	1,300	2,100
Administrative Director	1,100	1,500
Chief Accountant	800	900
Engineer	900	1,600
First grade bookkeeper	700	845
Second grade bookkeeper	600	750
Third grade bookkeeper	560	648

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